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TO: Academic Deans, Deans and Chairpersons of  
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SUBJECT: Issues Related to the Adapted Physical Education  
Emphasis Credential

Title 5 Regulations, Section 3632(c), adopted by the State Department of Education last year, takes effect on September 1, 1980. Section 3632(c) reads as follows:

"(c) Teachers initially employed after September 1, 1980, instructing remedial-adaptive physical education shall have a credential authorizing the teaching of physical education and specialized training in remedial-adaptive physical education as established by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing."

As reported in Coded Correspondence #79-8011 of September 11, 1979, the Commission adopted a scope and content statement to be used in the development, review and approval of preparation programs for the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential. To date programs for the Adapted Physical Education Credential have been approved for California State Universities at Chico, Hayward, Long Beach, Sacramento and San Diego; and private institutions at Dominican College, University of the Pacific, University of Redlands, and the University of Southern California. In addition, programs for the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential have been submitted for Commission approval by California State University, Fullerton; California State University, Los Angeles; California State College, Sonoma; and California State University, San Jose.

Requests for answers to several questions have been quite frequent during the past several months. The questions and answers follow:

- (1) Does Title 5 Regulation, Section 3632(c) apply to individuals who have been functioning as adapted physical education teachers prior to September 1, 1980?

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Answer: No - the regulations apply to individuals who are initially employed after September 1, 1980.

- (2) What basic teaching credentials can the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential be "added" to?

Answer: A Single Subject Credential in Physical Education; a Multiple Subjects Credential; a Standard Secondary Credential with a major or minor in Physical Education; a Standard Elementary Credential with a major or minor in Physical Education, or an academic major; a Standard Early Childhood Credential; a Special Secondary Credential in Physical Education; a General Secondary Credential; a Junior High Credential; a General Elementary Credential; a Kindergarten-Primary Credential; and any credential that authorizes the teaching of physical education.

- (3) What requirements must an individual, initially employed after September 1, 1980 to teach adapted physical education, meet to qualify for the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential?

Answer: (a) Hold one of the credentials listed in answer (2) above; and  
(b) complete specialized training in adapted physical education; and  
(c) be recommended by a college/university with a Commission-approved adapted physical education program.

- (4) Why is the "added" authorization of the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential not limited to individuals who majored in physical education?

Answer: The committee that developed the scope and content statement for the development, review and approval of preparation programs for the Adapted Physical Education Emphasis Credential certainly considered this possibility. However, after due consideration, the committee decided that the opportunity to enroll in and complete specialized training

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in adapted physical education should be available to any individual who held a credential authorizing the teaching of physical education.

- (5) Can an institution with an approved adapted physical education emphasis program establish additional entrance requirements for holders of a basic teaching credential that is not based on a physical education background (i.e., holds a multiple subject or standard elementary credential)?

Answer: Yes, this is at the discretion of the college/university.

- (6) If an individual applies for initial issuance or renewal of the basic teaching credential and the adapted physical education emphasis authorization at the same time, what is the fee charge?

Answer: A \$30.00 fee will cover the cost of the two authorizations when the application for both authorizations is submitted at the same time.

If you have additional questions, please call Dr. Robert Kane, Manager of Special Education, at (916) 445-6772.